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Re: Interrelationship Report for the
Martell Sites

Dear Mr. DeVuono:

Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) staff received and reviewed two reports completed by your Technical Enforcement support contractor titled "Interrelationship Report of Martell Sites and Companies in the South Chicago and Northwest Indiana Areas" and "Lists of Generators and Transporters for the Paxton Landfill." The following comments refer to the Interrelationship Report.

1. The table of contents lists four attachments which IDEM did not receive. It is requested that the attachments be sent to this office to complete the report.
2. Page 25. The Black Oak Dump site history states that the site lies east of Clark Road. The site is located west of Clark Road at 35th Avenue and Burr Street in Gary.
3. Page 26. The Midco I and II site history states that it is unknown whether or not the Midco I site is currently operating. It is an inactive site.

Any questions or comments should be directed to Ms. Jayne E. Browning of my staff at AC 317/243-5052.

Very truly yours,

Reginald O. Baker Jr.

Reginald O. Baker, Jr., Chief
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cc: Mr. Richard Boice, U.S. EPA



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U.S. EPA REGION V
WASTE MANAGEMENT DIVISION
HARARDUS WASTE ENFORCEMENT SECTION

Re: Sites Connected with Steve Martell,
Including Midco I and Midco II in
Northeast, Illinois and Northwest Indiana

M.S. SWALES
Dear ~~Mr.~~ DeVuono:

This letter is in response to a Request for Information sent out to this Corporation under the signature of Basil G. Constantelos of the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency.

As you already are undoubtedly aware U. S. Steel on behalf of U. S. Steel Supply and the former U. S. Steel Products Division has negotiated with and participated with the U. S. EPA in the remediation of Midco I and Midco II sites under a Consent Decree involving various PRP's. I understand that documentation similar to that recently requested was provided by U. S. Steel on August 4, 1983, regarding its dealings with Steve Martell and the Midco sites. I understand that documentation included a blanket order placed with Midco in 1977 and invoices and related documents concerning shipments under that blanket order. The material disposed of under the blanket order was apparently comprised of paint overspray cleaned from a production spray booth, scrap paint, and clean-up solvent. Typically the solvents could have been xylol, methyl ethyl ketone, and butanol; the paints would have been alkyds, epoxy-phenolics, phenolics, and polyesters.

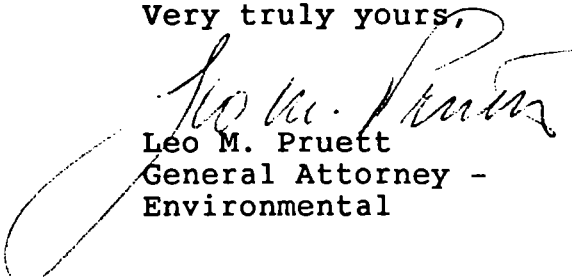
I note that your most recent request for information contains a greatly expanded list of business organizations and sites believed to be related to Steve Martell. U. S. Steel has expended considerable time and effort in reseaching both the sites and business organizations to which you refer. I enclose what I believe to be additional documentation of the same

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matters previously disclosed to the EPA in 1983. The new documentation was generated as a result of the wider scope of business organizations and sites listed in your request for information.

In view of the materials furnished first in 1983, and the considerable effort just undertaken by the Corporation to locate responsive documents, I believe it now would be appropriate that USX be furnished with copies of all documents the government possesses concerning any dealings by USX (formerly United States Steel Corporation) with any of the Midco or Steve Martell sites or business organizations. This request for documents by USX will enable the Corporation to evaluate the document searches to date and possibly disclose other avenues of search for responsive documentation. Further, such information would allow USX to more fully evaluate its position in this matter. I would appreciate the requested documents to be sent to my attention. If you have any questions, please call me at (412) 433-2838.

Very truly yours,



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September 6, 1983

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Re: Midco Disposal Sites, Gary, Indiana

Dear Mr. Dragna:

On August 4, 1983, in response to a request from Region V of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, U. S. Steel furnished copies of documents concerning its dealings with Midwest Industrial Waste Disposal Co. Those documents indicated shipments during 1977 of a total of 239 drums of paint overspray material. As was noted, our search for documents centered on one plant which was permanently closed in early 1980.

Your recent letter, dated September 2, 1983, to companies allegedly involved at the Midco sites included a listing of the companies according to alleged contribution to the sites. U. S. Steel has been ranked relatively high in terms of volumetric contribution. Such a ranking does not seem to comport with the documented shipments of 239 drums. The information contained in your September 2 letter indicates that the volume of wastes sent to the site in total was substantially in excess of ten-thousand drum equivalents. Thus, my impression is that you have assigned a contribution to U. S. Steel greater than the 239 drums for which documents were submitted.

In my letter of August 4, 1983, furnishing the above referenced documents, I requested that U. S. Steel be furnished with copies of all documents the government possesses concerning any dealing by U. S. Steel with the "Midco Group" companies, the Midco sites, or the operators of the sites. I hereby renew that request. In responding to the initial request from U. S. EPA, U. S. Steel made all reasonable efforts to locate documents responsive to that request. For whatever reason, including, but not limited to the plant closure, it is possible that there were other shipments for which U. S. Steel presently is unable to locate

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any documents. So that it can fully evaluate its position in this matter, it is imperative that U. S. Steel be able to review all documents in the government's possession pertaining to U. S. Steel.

Please send the documents to my attention. If you have any questions, please call me at (412)433-2923.

Sincerely yours,

Stephan K. Todd
General Attorney
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